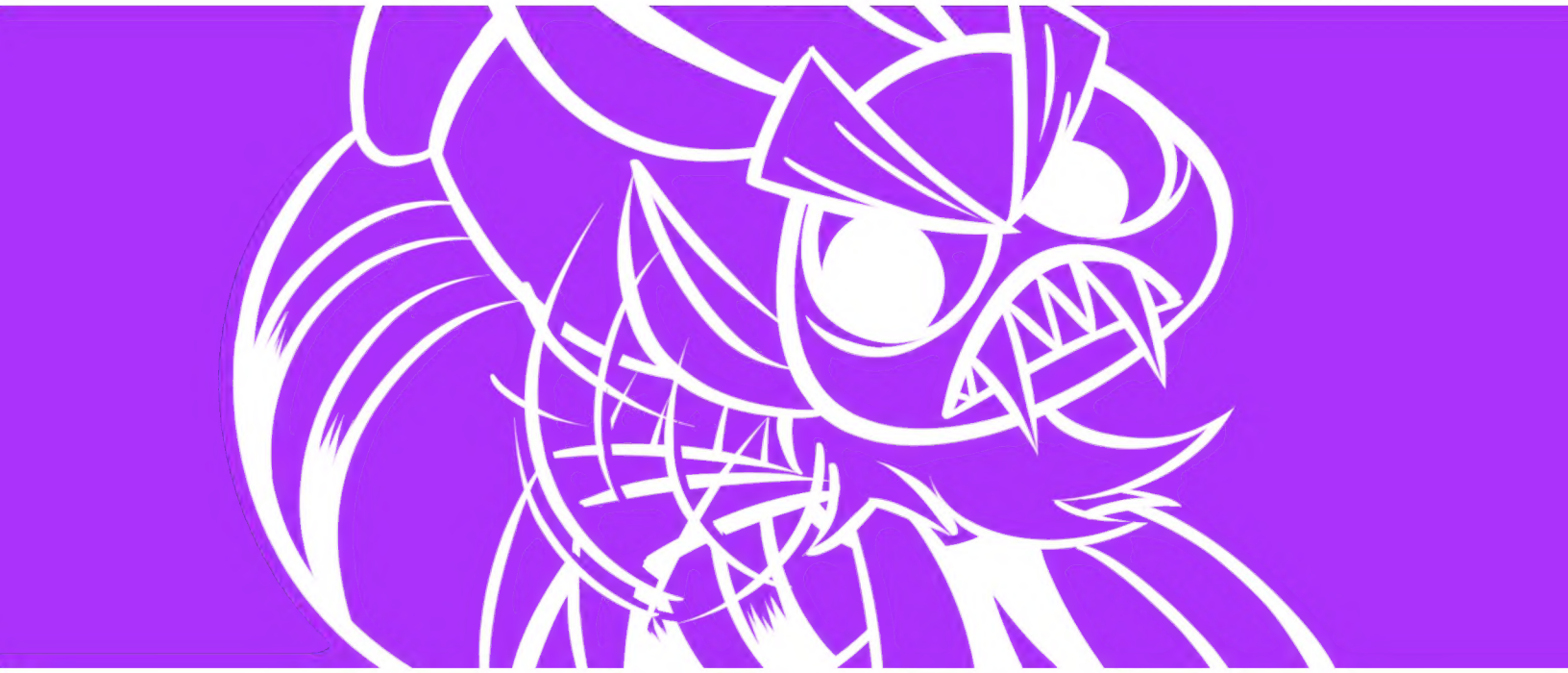
CRiTORA

Character/Story Pitch



CHESTER PESTFRELON

The Menace Who Meant No Harm

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Introduction

Hello, I'm Kris Valdespino! You might know who I am and what I have contributed to the CRiTORA franchise. Although my dedication to the series was brief and left a lot to be desired, I still admired CRiTORA in terms of their designs and their personalities. I had viewed a few of them with traits of myself, and one of them is the overlooked pest of the Garden District.

Chester Pestfrelon was conceived as the Garden District member of the original CRiViRUS Gang from 2020-2023. However, during his short time, his personality was not greatly explored. He has only been devised as a gloomy hornet who terrorizes the district by deleting simpler LiFEFORMS. The character was lame at best, and he would soon retire, having been the least developed member of the CRiViRUS Gang.

While the crew didn't see much in his bug eyes, I do. He felt like myself whenever my life was isolated and hopeless, whenever I couldn't express my reasonings, whenever I had enough of the people around me. I believe I can give the unsung hornet a well-needed personality and an interesting story of his to carry it! To show why he's the way he is!

As such, to bring the character forth, he should be created before the Infestation Invasion, he should be able to remember the events when the ViRUSES invaded the Garden District, even after everyone else lent themselves to forget the disaster, and his character design should practically be unaltered to make his story the most sense. Of course, he can conform to the current art style, but his sharp features, bleak color palette, and grumpy eyebrows should remain unchanged.

I hope this pitch will convince whom it may concern to bring Chester back into the roster of CRiTORA and be a part of the story of the utopia known as CRiTOPiA!

Character

Chester Pestfrelon is a 15-year-old hornet CRiTORA who resides in the Garden District. Naturally, he has the insect element. He also has the poison element because of his pesticide stinger and poison fangs which both contain venom, which is stored in his abdomen.

Chester is a gloomy bug who doesn't seem welcoming in the lush fields of the Garden District. His stinger and fangs could disintegrate crops and make CRiTORA ill.

Although he never meant ill will and wanted to protect the district from pests like Worm LiFEFORMS, the residents view him as a pest and will either tell him to get lost or get scared. Having had enough of those experiences, he developed an attitude toward others and stole crops, storing them in his basket. He moved out of his treehouse and lived further away from the neighborhood in a burrow underground, within the dim forests, and shuttered by a boulder to keep himself and his haul of stolen goods safe from the cautious eyes. He didn't bother moving to another district due to feeling uncomfortable with the new living conditions.

He acts vile and rude when confronted, cool and sly when pursuing, and calm and reasonable when he has someone to talk to. He feels isolated and hopeless at times and his feelings get to him in whatever situation, whether for the best or not. He will threaten those who bother him with his stinger, but he only pours venom willingly to defend himself against dangerous foes like ViRUSES.

Like most, he was involved in the Infestation Invasion. Unlike most, he was one of the few who didn't get infected during the ViRUS raid due to his capability of combatting ViRUSES with his venom and sharp claws and fleeing away with swift speed and agility. Although he saved a few survivors and hid in his burrow until the GUARDiAN of the Garden District arrived, none of the survivors or casualties would remember both the invasion and his chance at proving himself worthy, while Chester would continue to remember the events vividly. Because of this, Chester continued being unwelcome by the residents and would eventually be called off by GUARDiAN Fianna. He returned to his thievery just to get by and hoped that he'd eventually find a chance

to prove himself worthy again and find a friend to share his feelings.

Story

Before the Invasion

On the island of CRiTOPiA and within the beautiful farms and valleys of the Garden District, lived a couple of CRiTORA who worked their pitchforks and hoes to tend their vast gardens of various fruits and vegetables. One CRiTORA, however, lurked around the land and its people for their benefit.

Chester Pestfrelon, a hornet CRiTORA, bugged the other CRiTORA through sly remarks and robbery of the crops for himself. Because of this, he lived underground in a burrow surrounded by trees and enclosed by a boulder to keep himself cool and damp and his food safe from the cautious eyes. His most frequent person to steal from was Spud, who was too scared to tell Chester off from stealing his potatoes.

He had a troubled life in the Garden District due to his gloomy nature and dangerous venom, which can come from his pesticide stinger and poison fangs. Making friends and doing activities was difficult because of this, whether he was in the Garden District or not. And in a district where he seemed he could fit, like the Haunted District, he would feel bothered and nervous by the many people springing around him.

He didn’t want to scare people. But life made him scared. He had no friends to talk about his feelings, and living with such harmful conditions made him feel bleak, lonely, and depressed.

During the Invasion

One day, while stealing potatoes and acting sly to Spud, Chester hears a ViRUS approach him. He dodges the ViRUS while Spud gets himself infected. Chester immediately panics and tries to avoid the ViRUS before slapping it away from Spud’s farm. He finds out Spud has transformed into V-Spud thanks to the ViRUS, much to Chester’s shock. V-Spud would chase Chester to infect him. He flew away from V-Spud as soon as he could before discovering the disaster that had struck. ViRUSES were coming in, left to right, attacking and infecting some of his fellow CRiTORA.

Chester wasted no more time staring in shock and defended the CRiTORA of the Garden District as best as he could, slashing away and

poisoning ViRUSES with his venom that many others had viewed as vile. For the first time, his power was being utilized for good. However, as more ViRUSES kept coming in and more CRiTORA got infected, Chester realized they couldn’t take down the massive swarm of ViRUSES at this point. And so, he swiftly carried the remaining few uninfected CRiTORA away from the raid on his basket to safety in the air.

As Chester and company fleed, Fianna Croiglan, a new GUARDiAN, arrived from the field and scanned her surroundings to see only ViRUSES, V-CRiTORA, and a silhouette of Chester and his basket of something. As she looked, a ViRUS launched toward her face before she deleted it and started fending off all the ViRUSES and V-CRiTORA.

Meanwhile, Chester and the survivors hid in his burrow while Chester rested in his basket, hanging from the roof. While some were traumatized by the friends they lost and the destruction the ViRUSES caused, others gave odd looks at Chester, believing that his one heroic deed could be a trick, a ploy, something. Chester retaliates before falling asleep from exhaustion. The survivors realize that Chester probably wasn’t mean-spirited.

Later, Fianna finds the hiders inside the burrow, relieved to see all of them safe. Fianna takes the survivors outside and leaves Chester behind, as they think he’ll be alright at home.

After the Invasion

Much later, Chester awakens from a long nap, confused to find nobody in sight. He gets out of his burrow to find the District recovered, and most residents in fine condition. However, despite his heroic contribution, they still tell him to get away. Thinking the invasion could be a dream, he searches for Spud, who is nowhere to be found, and his contact number with him is cut off. He is left baffled, believing nobody truly forgave him. As such, he continued to steal vegetables and be a menace to the district.

One stormy night in the Industrial District, he meets an unexpected and mysterious traveler, Dundun Qwerty. Dundun believes he's perfect for the CRiViRUS Gang and attempts to trick him into joining. However, having seen what the Infestation had done to his district and his life, Chester refuses and gets into an attack with Dundun, along with Pluto and Me Him. In a last-ditch effort, Dundun unleashes his swarm of ViRUSES, which gets Chester strung into a fight between the ViRUSES and the gang. Eventually, a V-D ViRUS infects Chester,

transforming him into V-Chester. Dundun punches Chester from the chin into the ground.

The gang cages the ViRUS that infected him and runs away from the scene, believing they'll at least have someone causing havoc. But Chester, recognizing his senses while fighting his mind, launches towards them and plummets the three into the ground, deleting all the remaining ViRUSES they had and was near infecting the CRiViRUS Gang. Pluto pulls out his failsafe syringe and disinfects Chester, pleading not to infect them and promising not to cause harm. He calls them out and flees from the scene, saving their caged V-D ViRUS in his inventory.

The CRiViRUS Gang would grab more members elsewhere while Chester would try to convince the Garden District about the ViRUSES and the gang who attacked him, none of whom were more convinced than they were scared, as he was carrying the caged V-D ViRUS to try and prove his point. He would get into trouble with Dianna, believing he was harming the others, and fled from the sight, lurking in the shadows and spending most of his time in his burrow with low hopes.

Meeting the Squad (WIP)

The following could be utilized as a CRiTORA Squad episode/CRiTORA novelization and an opportunity to introduce Chester.

Iggy is taking care of his garden at the Garden District. Bebe is helping him out and chatting about something. Suddenly, a sharp, menacing hornet raids Iggy’s garden. Bebe tries to fight it, but it pours poison into her boxing gloves, making them disintegrate and leaving her hands bare. Much to Iggy and Bebe’s horror, the bug flees with the crops. Bebe faints while her body is static.

The squad is doing something at the Squad Hideout before Iggy and Bebe arrive, telling them what happened. Nicky rolls his eyes, saying how lame the Garden District is, with Bebe reminding him of who that pipsqueak is talking to. They realized that the bug raided Iggy’s garden. With that in mind, Bebe convinces the squad to help their district.

The squad searches for the troublesome hornet. They find their bounty and victims and as the team discovers the hornet, known by the town as “Pestfrelon,” a V-D ViRUS suddenly appears, affecting the Garden District and one or two squad members. They accuse Pestfrelon of unleashing the ViRUS and the squad splits up. One

group chases for Pestfrelon, the other tries to save the V-CRiTORA and defeat the ViRUS.

The hornet later convinces the pursuing group that he didn't want to cause any trouble, was having a tough time, and didn't unleash the ViRUS. Pestfrelon and the squad come together to disinfect the CRiTORA and destroy the ViRUS for good.

It is revealed that he got the V-D ViRUS after a fight with the developing CRiViRUS Gang. He took it so he could inform CRiTOPiA about the gang. However, everyone was too scared to listen and believed that Chester was a gang member trying to trick them into getting infected. Because of this, Chester hid in the shadows and kept his V-D ViRUS at his borrow after it messed around with his inventory. Little did he know that the ViRUS eventually found a way to escape his cage. And so, it ran off, to finally get his vengeance and infect Chester.

After everything's well said and done, Pestfrelon apologizes and talks with Iggy, introducing himself as "Chester."

Spud Returns (WIP)

Days later, Spud Jumbotoe had awoken inside his house after escaping the Abnormal District. He gets up to check his farm, worried it was probably destroyed. To his surprise, he discovers his farm has still been growing potatoes by someone. Someone eventually arrives at his home, who is no other than Chester.

He is surprised to see Spud back at the Garden District and expresses how much he misses him. Spud, understandably, seemed skeptical. Chester told him that he felt sorry for all the thievery he had done in the past, and believed that he owed himself to turn over a new leaf. Having seen his farm taken care of and Chester finally acting decent to him for once, Spud relents and accepts his apology. Chester later tells Spud he's staying at his house, much to Spud's slight worry.